

Chapter 239

(House Bill 822)

AN ACT concerning

State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program – Participation in Program – City of Hyattsville and Satellite Organizations

FOR the purpose of authorizing an employee or a former employee of the City of Hyattsville and a surviving spouse or dependent child of the employee or former employee to enroll and participate in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program under certain circumstances; authorizing the State to charge the City of Hyattsville and certain entities certain costs resulting from certain individuals participating in the Program; requiring the City of Hyattsville to determine the extent to which the City will subsidize participation in the Program; authorizing a former employee of a certain satellite organization and the spouse or dependent child of the former employee, who is enrolled and participating in the Program as a retiree or a dependent of a retiree as of the effective date of this Act, to continue to participate in the Program under certain circumstances; requiring a certain satellite organization to determine the extent to which the satellite organization will subsidize participation in the Program by its former employees; defining a certain term; making certain conforming changes; and generally relating to enrollment and participation in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Personnel and Pensions
Section 2–511
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – State Personnel and Pensions

2–511.

- (a) This section applies to employees of:
 - (1) the Maryland Environmental Service;
 - (2) the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority;

- (3) the Baltimore Metropolitan Council; [and]
- (4) the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund; **AND**
- (5) THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE.**

(b) Subject to the regulations adopted under § 2–503 of this subtitle, an employee or, while receiving an allowance under the Employees’ Retirement System of the State of Maryland or the Employees’ Pension System of the State of Maryland, an employee’s surviving spouse:

- (1) may enroll and participate in the health insurance or other benefit options established under the Program; and
- (2) except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, is subject to the same terms and conditions as those provided under § 2–507 of this subtitle.

(c) While receiving an allowance under the Employees’ Retirement System of the State of Maryland or the Employees’ Pension System of the State of Maryland, a former employee or a former employee’s surviving spouse or dependent child:

- (1) may enroll and participate in the health insurance benefit options established under the Program; and
- (2) except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, is subject to the same terms and conditions as those provided under § 2–508 of this subtitle, with the employee’s service with the Maryland Environmental Service, Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority, the Baltimore Metropolitan Council, [and] the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund, **AND THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE** being included as part of the employee’s State service.

(d) **(1) (I) [For each participant under this section,] THE STATE MAY CHARGE** the Maryland Environmental Service, the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority, the Baltimore Metropolitan Council, and the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund, or any successor agency, [shall pay to the State] the respective **PARTICIPANT’S TOTAL COST RESULTING FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM UNDER THIS SECTION.**

(II) THE RESPECTIVE employer share of the cost of the Program **UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE** based on the State subsidy allowed under this subtitle.

(2) (I) THE STATE MAY CHARGE THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE THE PARTICIPANT'S TOTAL COST RESULTING FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM UNDER THIS SECTION.

(II) THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE SHALL DETERMINE THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE CITY WILL SUBSIDIZE PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) In this section, "satellite organization" has the meaning stated in § 2-501 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article.

(b) Subject to the approval of the satellite organization, a former employee of a participating satellite organization or a former employee's spouse or dependent child who is enrolled and participating in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program as a retiree or dependent of a retiree on the effective date of this Act may continue to participate in the Program as long as the total costs resulting from participation in the Program are paid to the Program by the satellite organization.

(c) A satellite organization whose former employees are authorized to participate in the Program under this section shall determine the extent to which the satellite organization will subsidize participation by its former employees.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

Approved by the Governor, April 14, 2014.